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1. Applicant's arguments, see page 7, line 7 through page 8, line 26, filed September 8, 2009, with respect to claims 1-13 and 16-17 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-13 and 16-17 has been withdrawn.

2. Claims 1-17 are allowed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jose L. Couso whose telephone number is (571) 272-7388. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella, can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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